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ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,
Road Agents, School Board
and Other Officials

— OF THE —

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

— FOR —

THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1932



BRISTOL, N. H.
MUSGROVE PRINTING HOUSE
1932

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN CLERK

JOHN L. MORRISON

SELECTMEN

G. THORNTON YOUNG HARRIS W. HAMMOND
EVERETT E. MORRILL

TREASURER

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

JOSEPH H. MORRISON

ROAD AGENTS

HARRY W. SMITH ROBERT W. GILPATRIC

AUDITOR

EDITH E. PERKINS

MODERATOR

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

HEALTH OFFICER

JOSEPH H. MORRISON

FIRE WARDEN

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

POLICE OFFICER

REGINALD C. MORRILL

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

CHARLES E. SPENCER

FENCE VIEWER

IRA A. MORRILL

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

ETHEL M. YOUNG EDWIN D. MORRILL
 GEORGE W. SNOW

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER DAVID B. CLEMENT
 ELDORUS SMITH

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MILAN A. BAILEY JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER
 HATTIE N. M. MORRISON

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, and to choose a Selectman for the three years ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for the same.
3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for Fire Protection.
4. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (Town Roads).
5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of the law in regard to Trunk Line Maintenance and make appropriation for same.
6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the law in regard to State Aid Construction of Highways and make appropriation for same.
7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of the law in regard to State Aid Maintenance and make appropriation for same.

8. To see what action the Town will vote to take in regard to the further improvement of the Whittemore Point Road, so called, to make the necessary appropriation and elect an agent.

9. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for Snow Removal.

10. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the Snow Removal Equipment Fund.

11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the observance of Old Home Day.

12. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

G. T. YOUNG,
H. W. HAMMOND,
E. E. MORRILL,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

G. T. YOUNG,
H. W. HAMMOND,
E. E. MORRILL,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY FOR THE YEAR 1931

Land and buildings	\$ 498,623.00
Horses, 34	2,715.00
Oxen, 5	425.00
Cows, 65	3,830.00
Neat stock, 18	865.00
Sheep, 10	60.00
Hogs, 9	90.00
Boats and launches, 60	8,300.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	7,589.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	2,000.00
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Total valuation	\$ 524,497.00
Poll taxes, 94 at \$2	\$ 188.00
National bank stock taxes	25.00
Property taxes committed to collector	\$ 13,477.04
Polls committed to collector, 94	188.00
National bank stock taxes	25.00
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	\$ 13,690.04
Rate per cent	.0257

APPROPRIATIONS

Town charges	\$ 600.00
State aid maintenance of highways	400.00
State aid construction of highways	769.50
Trunk line maintenance of highways	1,140.00
Town maintenance of highways	2,100.00
Town construction of highways	2,000.00
State aid on bridges	1,000.00
Snow removal	1,000.00
Snow removal equipment fund	500.00
Libraries	19.00
Memorial day	12.00
Old Home day	20.00
State tax	1,330.00
County tax	1,547.55
School tax	4,966.20
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	\$ 17,404.25

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, lands and buildings	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture and equipment	50.00
Libraries, books	200.00
Highway department, buildings	300.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Schools, lands and buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	200.00
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Total	\$ 6,450.00

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER	BALANCE
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ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 384.05
Cash in hands of officials	
Snow removal equipment fund	1,300.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,684.05
Accounts due to the town	
Due from state	
Joint highway accounts, unex-	
pended balances in state treas-	
ury, state aid construction	\$ 0.65
Due from county	
Painting Union bridge 1930	88.80
Flooring Union bridge 1931	204.21
Other bills due town	
Town of Plymouth	
Flooring Union bridge	306.31
Taxes not collected, levy of 1931	729.96
	<hr/> \$ 1,329.93
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Total assets	\$ 3,013.98
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Grand total	\$ 3,013.98
Surplus, Jan. 31, 1931	\$ 1,880.87
Surplus, Jan. 31, 1932	1,268.48
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Decrease of surplus	\$ 612.39

SHEET

JAN. 31, 1932

LIABILITIES

Account owed by the town	
Town of Plymouth, Fire Dept.	\$ 116.30
Town of Ashland, Fire Dept.	38.00
Due to school districts	
Dog licenses	91.20
Balance of appropriation	1,000.00
Snow removal equipment fund	500.00
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Total liabilities	\$ 1,745.50
Excess of assets over liabilities	1,268.48
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Grand total	\$ 3,013.98

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received:	
For automobile registration permits 1931	\$ 189.45
For automobile registration permits 1932	219.83
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Total	\$ 409.28
For dog licenses	91.20
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	\$ 500.48

JOHN L. MORRISON,
Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

Joseph H. Morrison, collector, 1929:

Uncollected, Jan. 31, 1931	\$ 3.60	
By abatement		\$ 3.60
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	\$ 3.60	\$ 3.60

JOSEPH H. MORRISON, Collector.

Joseph H. Morrison, Collector, 1930:

Uncollected, Jan. 31, 1931	\$ 165.39	
Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1931	7.80	
Interest collected after Jan. 31, 1931	10.06	
By cash paid treasurer		\$ 178.32
By abatements		4.93
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	\$ 183.25	\$ 183.25

JOSEPH H. MORRISON, Collector.

Joseph H. Morrison, collector, 1931:

To amount of tax list	\$ 13,688.04	
Tax added	6.00	
Interest	4.83	
By cash paid treasurer		\$ 12,962.34
By abatements		6.57
Uncollected, Jan. 31, 1932		729.96
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	\$ 13,698.87	\$ 13,698.87

JOSEPH H. MORRISON, Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received :

Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1931	\$ 1,701.65
From selectmen	12,613.19
From tax collector, 1930	178.32
From tax collector, 1931	12,962.34
From town clerk, dog licenses	91.20
From town clerk, auto permits, 1931	189.45
From town clerk, auto permits, 1932	219.83

Paid :

On selectmen's orders	27,071.93
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1932	884.05

\$ 27,955.98 \$ 27,955.98

S. S. FLETCHER,
Treasurer.

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS

Current revenue

From local taxes

Property taxes committed to collector, 1931	\$ 13,477.04
Less discount and abatement, 1931	2.57
Less uncollected, 1931	729.96
Property taxes, current, actually collected	\$ 12,744.51
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 94 at \$2.00	188.00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	160.46
National bank stock taxes	25.00
Total of above collections	\$ 13,117.97

From state

For highways and bridges

For state aid maintenance	\$ 497.14
For state aid construction	1,484.79
For trunk line maintenance	
Snow removal	340.64
Summer maintenance	1,940.72
For class V Highway maintenance	401.66
Interest and dividend tax	3,077.45
Insurance tax	7.50
Savings bank tax	522.69
Fighting forest fires	19.60
	\$ 8,292.19

(Receipts continued on page 18)

RECEIPTS AND

(Receipts continued from page 16)

From local sources, except taxes	
Dog licenses	\$ 91.20
Business licenses and permits	20.00
Interest received on taxes	14.89
Registration of motor vehicles	
1931 Permits	189.45
1932 Permits	219.83
	<hr/> \$ 535.37
Total current revenue receipts	<hr/> \$ 21,945.53
Receipts other than current revenue	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	
during year	\$ 4,300.00
Refunds	1.00
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Total receipts other than current revenue	<hr/> \$ 4,301.00
Total receipts from all sources	<hr/> \$ 26,246.53
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1931	
	<hr/> 1,709.45
Grand total	<hr/> \$ 27,955.98

PAYMENTS—Continued

(Payments continued from page 17)	
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements	
Highways and bridges	
State aid construction	\$ 3,001.98
Town construction	2,000.00
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Total outlay payments	\$ 5,001.98
Indebtedness	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	
	\$ 4,300.00
Snow removal equipments	800.00
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Total indebtedness payments	\$ 5,100.00
Payments to other governmental divisions	
Taxes paid to state	\$ 1,330.00
Taxes paid to county	1,547.55
Payments to school districts	4,034.00
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Total payments to other governmental divisions	\$ 6,911.55
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Total payments for all purposes	\$ 27,071.93
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1932	884.05
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Grand total	\$ 27,955.98

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

G. T. Young, selectman	\$ 105.00
H. W. Hammond, selectman	92.00
Everett E. Morrill, selectman	76.00
S. S. Fletcher, treasurer	32.00
John L. Morrison, town clerk	54.50
Joseph H. Morrison, collector of taxes	75.00
Edith E. Perkins, auditor, 1930	5.00
Edwin D. Morrill, supervisor, 1929-30	10.00
Ethel M. Young, supervisor, 1929-30	10.00
W. J. Randolph, list of transfers	5.08
John C. Ray, town officers' bonds	80.00
E. C. Eastman Co., office supplies, etc.	7.65
Musgrove Printing House, town reports	45.25
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	\$ 597.48

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reginald C. Morrill, police officer	\$ 25.00
H. W. Hammond, care of tramps	5.00
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	\$ 30.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bristol Fire Dept., Marston fire	\$ 28.00
Ashland Fire Dept., Minnon fire	76.00
E. P. Wiser, expenses Warden's convention	10.60
S. S. Fletcher, expenses Warden's convention	10.60
S. S. Fletcher, B. & M. crossing fire	9.00
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	\$ 134.20

OLD HOME DAY

Received:

Aug. 20, 1931, balance from last year	\$ 2.07
From town treasurer	20.00
From S. S. Fletcher, overpaid	.58
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	\$ 22.65

Paid:

60 lbs. Beans	\$ 6.00
15 lbs. Pork	2.25
2 lbs. Butter	1.00
12 Loaves bread	1.20
5 lbs. Sugar	.25
5 lbs. Coffee	2.25
Cream and milk	.90
Baking beans	5.00
Wood	1.00
200 Spoons	1.00
200 Plates	1.00
Molasses	.30
Mending boiler	.50
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	\$ 22.65

S. S. FLETCHER, Agent.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Reports of Agents

UNION BRIDGE REPAIRS

W. W. Presby, Foreman

Paid :

Foreman	\$ 29.70
Labor	89.27
Creosote, 4 drums	66.88
Lumber	567.67
Freight on lumber	103.12
Freight on creosote	7.48
Unloading lumber	22.50
Spikes	26.25
Bridge notice, Record Print	.20
Thomas Valliant, labor and supplies	24.70
Liability Insurance Co.	52.00

\$ 989.77

Patching 31.26

Cost of 50% of bridge repairs \$ 1,021.03

Town of Plymouth to pay \$ 306.31

County of Grafton to pay 204.21

\$ 510.52

Cost to town of Bridgewater \$ 510.51

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

River Road, W. E. Martin, Patrolman

Paid:			
Self and team			\$ 298.78
Labor			152.37
Gravel			51.00
Teams			14.00
Cutting curve (unemployment)			354.74
Guard rail			26.25
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			\$ 897.14
Paid by state—Paint	\$ 12.15		
Cable	19.76		
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			\$ 929.05
Reimbursement to town	\$ 497.14		
Total paid by state			529.05
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Total paid by town			\$ 400.00
	State	Town	Total
Appropriations	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,200.00

TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

Charles E. Ross, Patrolman

Paid:			
Labor, material and trucks			\$ 1,747.71
Snow plowing and ice removal			390.77
Sanding ice			35.01
Widening road, etc. (unemployment relief)			950.32
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Paid by town to Feb. 1, 1932			\$ 3,123.81

State account to Jan. 1, 1932:

C. E. Ross, Patrolman

Paid by town		\$ 2,740.08
Paid by town, snow removal		340.64
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		\$ 3,080.72
Paid by state		1,273.77
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Total cost of work		\$ 4,254.49
Reimbursement to town	\$ 1,940.72	
Total paid by state		3,214.49
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Total paid by town		\$ 1,140.00

	State	Town	Total
Appropriations	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 4,560.00

TOWN MAINTENANCE

West Side, H. W. Smith, Agent

Paid:	
Follansbee & Mitchell, tools, etc.	\$ 17.90
W. S. H. Remick, dynamite	29.75
Joseph Breck & Son, cement	4.80
H. W. Hammond, gravel	25.05
Charles E. Ross, gravel	7.20
Zack Brock, trucking	12.50
D. A. Bucklin, trucking	3.75
Victor Morrill, trucking and labor	67.40
M. A. Innes, stringers	7.50
C. E. Spencer, bridge plank	25.50
Lawrence Morrill, labor	1.50
Manson Morrill, labor	28.00
John Morrill, labor	29.75
Ira Morrill, labor	220.22
Ora Morrill, labor	175.00

Everett Morrill, labor	\$ 178.50	
H. W. Smith, agent, with team	407.83	
H. W. Smith, gravel	7.80	
Balance unexpended	.88	
Appropriation		\$ 1,050.00
Received from state, aid on class V		
highways		200.83
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	\$ 1,250.83	\$ 1,250.83

East Side, R. W. Gilpatric, Agent

Paid:

Will N. Read Est., bridge plank	\$ 18.26	
O. A. Brown, dynamite	36.00	
W. B. Brown, tools	4.70	
A. I. Varney, repairing drag, etc.	5.00	
Mrs. Percival Warner, gravel	18.00	
John S. Jenness, labor and trucking	232.00	
Paul Youngman, labor	20.00	
C. C. Fletcher, labor	6.00	
Leslie Parks, labor	34.48	
Gustave Anderson, labor	6.75	
Walter Blake, labor	16.25	
R. G. Gilpatric, labor	170.50	
Verton and Melvin Gilpatric, labor	53.50	
R. W. Gilpatric, agent, labor, team,		
and gravel	628.06	
Unexpended balance	1.33	
Appropriation		\$ 1,050.00
Received from state, aid on class V		
highways		200.83
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	\$ 1,250.83	\$ 1,250.83

WOODMAN BROOK BRIDGE

W. W. Presby, Foreman

Paid:	
Superintendence	\$ 461.90
Labor, trucks and teams	1,207.77
Freight and handling materials, lumber and miscellaneous bills	568.14
Cement	199.55
Steel	194.00
Posts and wire	23.03
Equipment rental	431.00
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Paid by state	\$ 3,085.39
State's share, 50%	\$ 1,542.69
Power company's share, 25%	771.35
Town's share, 25%	771.35
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	\$ 3,085.39
Paid state	\$ 771.35

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

River Road, W. E. Martin, Agent

Labor, teams and trucks	\$ 1,923.06
Tools	10.99
Guard rail	25.90
Miscellaneous	15.43
Gravel and fill	260.25

 \$ 2,235.63

Received of E. E. Atwood for tool house	5.00
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 \$ 2,230.63

Paid by town in 1930 and credited by state in 1931	80.61
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Paid by town	\$ 2,311.24
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Paid by state, guard rail cable	110.34
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Total cost of work	\$ 2,421.58
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Reimbursement to town	\$ 1,484.79
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Total paid by state	1,595.13
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Total paid by town	\$ 826.45
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Appropriations	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1930	\$ 57.78	\$ 57.78	\$ 115.56
Appropriations 1931	1,538.00	769.50	2,307.50
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	\$ 1,595.78	\$ 827.28	\$ 2,423.06

SNOW REMOVAL

D. A. Bucklin, Agent

Plowing, labor, self and helpers	\$ 407.77
Repairs on plow, labor	175.80
Repairs on plow, material	97.23
Repairs on tractor, labor (includes greasing)	414.71
Repairs on tractor, material	242.41
Gas, oil and grease	130.77
Tractor house rental 1930	25.00
Tractor insurance 1932	11.50
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	\$ 1,505.19
R. W. Gilpatric, sanding ice	46.50
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	\$ 1,551.69

WHITTEMORE POINT ROAD CONSTRUCTION

H. W. Smith, Agent

North End

Paid:

N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culvert	\$ 59.80
Joseph Breck & Son, cement and lumber	19.61
Mrs. Lila Morrill, gravel	105.20
Eldorus Smith, guard rail posts	4.00
D. A. Bucklin, trucking	144.00
Victor Morrill, trucking and labor	190.00
Lawrence Morrill, labor	27.00
Lewis Morrill, labor	3.50
Manson Morrill, labor	64.75
Ora Morrill, labor	73.50
John Morrill, labor	43.75
Ira Morrill, labor	86.25
Everett Morrill, labor	66.50

H. W. Smith, agent, with team	\$ 112.14	
Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
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	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

South End

Paid:

N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culvert	\$ 55.20	
Joseph Breck & Son, lumber and cement	23.40	
Mrs. Lila Morrill, gravel	88.00	
Victor Morrill, trucking	298.00	
Manson Morrill, labor	7.00	
Vital Richard, labor	7.00	
Lawrence Morrill, labor	12.00	
Charles Page, labor	40.25	
John Morrill, labor	91.00	
Ira Morrill, labor	69.37	
Everett Morrill, labor	63.00	
Ora Morrill, labor	106.75	
H. W. Smith, agent, with team	139.03	
Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
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	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

G. T. YOUNG,
H. W. HAMMOND,
E. E. MORRILL,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

TRUST FUNDS

Emerson cemetery fund	\$ 608.38
Old Home cemetery fund	790.00
Whittemore Point cemetery fund	757.00
Webster cemetery fund	78.00
Cross fund for care Webster cemetery	73.00
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	\$ 2,306.38

Paid:

Emerson cemetery fund	\$ 10.00
Old Home cemetery fund	6.00
Whittemore Point cemetery fund	6.50
Webster cemetery fund	
Balance in banks	2,283.88
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	\$ 2,306.38

S. S. FLETCHER,
D. B. CLEMENT,
ELDORUS SMITH,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash in bank	\$ 294.38
Library tax	18.90

\$ 313.28

Paid:

Paid for care of books

E. J. Bailey	\$ 5.00
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H. N. M. Morrison	5.00
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J. H. Fletcher	5.00
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Purchase of books	9.50
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Balance on hand	288.78
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\$ 313.28

MILAN C. BAILEY,

J. H. FLETCHER,

H. N. M. MORRISON,

Library Trustees.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

- In Bridgewater, N. H., June 30, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs.
Robert W. Gilpatric, a son, Leo W.
- In Bridgewater, N. H., June 25, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs.
John L. Jenness, a son, Maurice A.
- In Bridgewater, N. H., Dec. 16, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs.
Everett E. Atwood, a son.

MARRIAGES

- In Bristol, Dec. 23, 1931, Herbert Johnstone and Esther
Anderson.

DEATHS

- In Bridgewater, N. H., Dec. 16, 1931, Infant son of Mr.
and Mrs. Everett E. Atwood.
- In Bridgewater, N. H., July 13, 1931, Willie F. Morrill.
- In Bridgewater, N. H., Aug. 6, 1931, E. Belle White.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRIDGEWATER

To the Bridgewater School District:

The school board and the superintendent of schools present the following reports for your consideration.

1. Statistics for the school year 1930-31.
2. Report of District Treasurer for 1930-31.
3. School board's financial report for year 1930-31.
4. School board's budget for the year 1932-33.

Respectfully submitted

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER, Chairman,
JOSEPH H. MORRISON,
EDITH PERKINS,

School Board.

VINCENT GATTO,
Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1930-31

Bridgewater Hill School: Teacher, Thaida Gruenler; number of pupils 10; number of half days school in session 360; per cent of attendance 94; number of tardinesses 24; visits by citizens 5; visits by school board 2; visits by superintendent of schools 17.

River Road School: Teacher, Marion Page; number of pupils 12; number of half days school in session 362; per cent of attendance, 95.52; number of tardinesses 7; visits by citizens 15; visits by school board 2; visits by superintendent of schools 25.

Turnpike School: Teacher, Geneva Doe; number of pupils 8; number of half days in session 366; per cent of attendance 94; number of tardinesses 8; visits by citizens 10; visits by school board 2; visits by superintendent of schools 19.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT
1930-31

Cash on hand June 30, 1930	\$ 332.54
Received from selectmen	
Appropriations for current year	3,951.34
Dog tax	67.80
Discount on lock	.50
Borrowed from appropriations for 1931-32	511.23
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	\$ 4,863.41
Total amount available for fiscal year	\$ 4,863.41
Less school board orders paid	4,863.41
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	\$ 0.00

JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,
School District Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Bridgewater:

I have the honor to present my third annual school report. This is a brief account covering a period of time extending from the spring term of 1931 to March first, 1932.

I welcome this opportunity to reach you, the citizens of the Bridgewater school district, and tell you the things which in my judgment as superintendent of your schools, are necessary to improve the educational opportunities of your children. It is in this spirit that I make the following statements.

The most important school event last spring was graduation which was held on the evening of June 12, 1931. A pleasing program was arranged by the teachers and pupils of the three schools. The exercises were held in the Union hall at the Turnpike. A large audience of interested parents and other citizens was present. The following pupils received diplomas showing graduation from the public schools of Bridgewater: Esther Cass, Donald Atwood, Milton Cass, Elizabeth Atwood, Blanche Avery, Hilda Morrill. The superintendent of schools delivered the address of the occasion, and presented the diplomas in behalf of the school board.

It is a pleasure to report that all the graduates except one are now in high school, either at Bristol or at Ashland. The encouragement which children receive at home has more to do with the children's remaining in high school up to the point of graduation than has the school which they attend. Firmness on the part of the parents, and oftentimes the administration of a little old fashioned persuasion help more than anything else in

making children succeed in school, whether elementary or high.

Taken as a whole our present teaching staff has given satisfaction. When such is the case both the parents and children should cooperate so as to induce the teachers to stay on for a period of years. Schools which have a complete turnover of teachers at the end of the year cannot serve the best interests of our children. Let us help our teachers to make good.

Nothing has been done regarding the suggestions which I made last year concerning jacketed stoves, chemical toilets, adjustable desks, and playgrounds. Provisions should be made to at least make necessary repairs on the roofs of our buildings. The roofs of the River Road and the Turnpike schools both leak. The wall paper in the River Road school should be removed. At the present time the said school is a fire trap. More blackboards should be added to all the schools. It would be a desirable thing to secure better type water tanks for drinking purposes. Suitable shelves should be provided in each school for the children's lunch boxes. The floor is not a suitable place for this purpose. Provision should also be made for the children to properly hang their wraps.

During the winter months when children do not spend as long outdoors as they do during the other seasons of the year, diseases peculiar to children prevail. Absence from school, loss of educational opportunity paid for, failure to make the grade, unnecessary suffering are the result. Towns which have the services of a school nurse working in conjunction with a physician succeed in stamping out such evils. It would be desirable for Bridgewater to unite with other school districts and share the expense of hiring a school nurse, the year round. One yearly examination either by a doctor or a

nurse just to tell children what ails them, does not keep the children in good health.

I have visited your teachers at work often, as I have the teachers of the six towns in the supervisory union. I have kept in personal touch with the teachers' problems, and given my assistance to solve the problems which from time to time are bound to rise. I have also kept in contact and within the reach of the members of the school board to help them with school questions. In a general way I have kept in contact with the parents of our children. Considering the social, religious, and economic resources of Bridgewater, it is reasonable to advocate the adoption of a progressive educational policy capable of educating boys and girls for present day living.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT GATTO,
Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

For the year beginning July 1, and ending June 30, 1931

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand June 30, 1930	\$ 332.54
Received from selectmen:	
Appropriations for current year	3,951.34
Dog tax	67.80
Discount on lock	.50
Borrowed from appropriations for 1931-32	511.23
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Total receipts from all sources	\$ 4,863.41

PAYMENTS

Administration	
Salaries of district officers	\$ 60.00
Superintendent's excess salary	154.84
Truant officer and school census	4.75
Expenses of administration	15.24
Instruction	
Principals' and teachers' salaries	2,700.00
Text books	82.88
Scholars' supplies	52.69
Other expenses of instruction	3.60
Operation and maintenance of school plant	
Janitor service	108.00
Fuel	112.25
Water, light, janitor's supplies	27.93
Minor repairs and expenses	44.78
Auxiliary agencies and special activities	
Medical inspection	43.00
Transportation of pupils	716.00
High school tuitions	642.32

Fixed charges	
Tax for state wide supervision	\$ 84.00
Outlay for construction and equipment	
Lands and new buildings	6.00
New equipment	5.13
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Total payments for all purposes	\$ 4,863.41

\$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable inventory is minimum required by law.

To apply for state aid \$3,699.04 must be raised for elementary schools.

Equalized valuation is \$739,807.00.

SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET FOR 1932-33

Support of schools	
Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,700.00
Text books	50.00
Scholars' supplies	50.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	10.00
Janitor service	108.00
Fuel	106.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	15.00
Minor repairs	75.00
Health supervision	40.00
Transportation of pupils	720.00
Other special activities	10.00
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	\$ 3,889.00

Other statutory requirements

Salaries of district officers	\$ 60.00
Truant officer and school census	5.00
Payment of high school tuition	830.00
Superintendent's excess salary	170.00
Per capita tax	72.00
Other obligations	5.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,142.00

Total	<hr/> \$ 5,031.00
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Estimated income of district

Dog tax, an estimate of	\$ 75.00
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Deduct estimated income

\$ 4,956.00

Special appropriations

To make up for money borrowed last year from this year's appropriations	\$ 511.23
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Total amount required to cover
budget and special appropriations \$ 5,467.23

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER,

EDITH PERKINS,

JOSEPH H. MORRISON,

School Board.

